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SUBJ: UNFICYP PHASE II WITHDRAWAL

1. USYGS GUYER AND URQUHART ASKED AMB SCHAUFLE TO
CALL ON THEM MARCH 8 REGARDING PHASE II WITHDRAWAL.

2. TURKISH PERMREP OLCAIY HAD CALLED ON SYG PREVIOUS
DAY AND LEFT COMMUNICATION (WHICH SCHAUFLE READ) FROM
TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONCERNING PHASE II WITHDRAWAL. IN
THE NOTE TURKS STATED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT RECENT DEVELOP-
MENTS WITHIN THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, RENEWED
PRONOUNCEMENTS IN FAVOR OF ENOSIS AND PROSPECTIVE ACTIVI-
TIES OF EOKA-B. TURKS EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT UNFICYP
REDUCTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE SITUATION.

3. TURKS ADMITTED SYG'S RIGHT TO REDUCE UNFICYP AND
PLEDGED TURKISH COOPERATION. HOWEVER NOTE WENT ON TO
STATE THAT GOT DOES NOT CONCUR IN THE PREREQUISITES
CONTAINED SYG'S REPORT OF DEC 1, 1973 (DOCUMENT S/11137)
AND CANNOT THEREFORE ACCEPT ANY CONDITIONS FOR REDUCTION.

4. NOTE POINTS OUT THAT CALL FOR COOPERATION WITH
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UNFICYP AND MAINTENANCE STATUS QUO SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO

THE COMMUNITIES. GOT BELIEVES THAT TURKISH COMMUNITY SHOULD PROVIDE NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN SINCE IT CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO CREATE SUCH INCIDENTS UNLESS ATTACKED. THEREFORE TURKISH COMMUNITY WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH UNFICYP.

5. HOWEVER CONTINUATION OF THIS COOPERATION WOULD DEPEND ON UNFICYP ADHERENCE TO FOLLOWING THREE POINTS:

(A) UNFICYP SHOULD DECIDE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH TWO COMMUNITIES WHERE UNFICYP REDUCTIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE;

(B) IN LOCALITIES IDENTIFIED AS "SENSITIVE AREAS" NO REDUCTIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE. OTHERWISE TURKISH COMMUNITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE ALL SECURITY MEASURES INCLUDING RE-DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES TO OFFSET THREAT TO ITS SECURITY RESULTING FROM ANY REDUCTION;

(C) IN AREAS WHERE UNFICYP REDUCTION IS TO BE CARRIED OUT STATUS QUO SHOULD BE VERIFIED BY UNFICYP IN A PROTOCOL ACCEDED TO BY TWO COMMUNITIES. UNFICYP RESPONSIBILITY IN SUCH AREAS REMAINS IN FORCE.

6. SYG APPARENTLY WAS EXTREMELY UPSET WITH LATENESS AND TONE OF TURKISH COMMUNICATION, ESPECIALLY SINCE UN HAD ORDERED IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE II BEGINNING FEB 25. GUYER AND URQUHART POINTED OUT THAT EFFECT OF TURKISH NOTE IS TO SHIFT ALL RESPONSIBILITY TO SYG IF REDUCTION FOLLOWED BY INCIDENTS. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT DENKTASH AND INDICATED TO OSORIO-TAFALL THAT INCIDENTS COULD INCREASE. SYG REPORTEDLY TOLD OLCAY THAT RELATIVE MODESTY OF PHASE II REDUCTION CANNOT ITSELF CAUSE INCIDENTS IF PARTIES ARE DETERMINED TO DEEP THE PEACE.

7. GUYER AND URQUHART ASKED WHETHER, ON THE BASIS OF US KNOWLEDGE OF THIS COMMUNICATION AND IN VIEW OF US CONTRIBUTION, INTEREST AND STRONG SUPPORT OF PHASE II WITHDRAWAL, USG COULD NOW GO TO GOT, AS WELL AS GOG, TO PERSUADE THEM DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT CLASHES WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY DISTURB THE PEACE BUT ALSO REDOUND TO

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THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE SYG AND UN.

8. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT DEPT SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO UN REQUEST. ALTHOUGH WE HAD NOT ANTICIPATED TURKISH COMMITMENT WHICH WOULD HELP PRESERVE PEACE ON THE ISLAND, TURKISH REPLY TO SYG'S NOTE OF FEB 11 REGARDING PHASE II APPEARS TO US TO BE UNNECESSARILY CONTENTIOUS. BENNETT

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